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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated December 19, 2001 be extended 3 months from March 19, 2001 to June 19, 2001 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$890 for a three (3) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 130344. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 16491.066. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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